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SUBJECT: CIVIAIR BILATERAL CONSULTATIONS

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1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, EMBASSY CONTACTED SHINNAWI TO INQUIRE AS TO STATUS OUR PROPOSAL FOR BILATERAL DISCUSSION OF AIR TRAFFIC RIGHTS IN WASHINGTON MAY 10. THERE IS EVIDENTLY SOME CONFUSION ON THIS ISSUE WHICH WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO CLAIRFY ON PRIORITY BASIS.

2. SHINNAWI IS STILL OPPOSED TO WASHINGTON IDEA, GIVING FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS AS REASON. HE WAS EVIDENTLY UNDER IMPRESSUED THAT HIS EXPRESSION OF RELUCTANCE (REFTEL) HAD BEEN SUFFICIENT TO CHANGE PROPOSED VENUE. EMBOFF REMINDED HIM OF CONVERSATION, FACT THAT HE HAD AGREED TO RECONSIDER BECAUSE OF PERSONNEL AND SCHEDULING PROBLEMS ON OUR SIDE, AND POSSIBLE NECESSITY TO RESCHEDULE AT A MUCH LATER DATE IS PRESENT TIMING AND LOCATION WERE NOT ACCEPTABLE. (WE ALSO REMINDED HIM THAT UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES TWA TRAFFIC RIGHTS WOULD HAVE TO BE EXTENDED.)

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3. EMBASSY HAS ALSO INFORMED MFA CONTACTS OF ABOVE PROBLEM.

MFA BECAME INVOLVED WHEN SHINNAWI PASSED AIDE MEMOIRE VIA THAT CHANNEL STATING HIS RESERVATIONS AS ABOVE ON BASIS TELECON WITH EMBOFF, CONVENIENTLY FORGETTING THAT HE HAD AGREED IT WAS PRO FORMA ONLY, TO GET HIS VIEWS ON THE RECORD.

4. WE ARE TODAY SUBMITTING FOLLOW-UP MFA NOTE, POINTING OUT FACT THAT LAST DISCUSSIONS TOOK PLACE IN CAIRO, LONG DELAY THAT MAY BE ENTAILED IF PRESENT PROPOSAL CANNOT BE ACCEPTED, AND REMINDING MFA OF POSSIBLE RESULTANT NEED TO REOPEN SUBJECT OF TWA'S TEMPORARY FIFTEH FREEDOM TRAFFIC RIGHTS. (DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL THAT AMBASSADOR RAISED THIS ISSUE WITH FAHMY ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS, AND LATTER WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ELEVENTH-HOUR EXTENSION.)

5. COPIES OF NOTE ARE GOING DIRECTLY TO SHINNAWI, AND WE WILL ALSO CALL HIM TO URGE PROMPT ACCEPTANCE. WE WILL KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED.
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